

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-28, 33-38, 41-53, and 56-61

The Office asserts an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-28, 33-38, 41-53, 56-57, and 60-61, over Helland et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,890,161 (Helland) in view of The Common Object Request Broker: Architecture and Specification, Revision 2.0, July 1995, pp. 4-12 to 4-17 (CORBA 2.0). Additionally, the Office asserts an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 58-59 over Helland in view CORBA 2.0 and Hutchinson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,026,428.

Applicants respectfully submit, that the recited combination fails to teach or suggest claims 1-28, 33-38, 41-53, and 56-61. However, to expedite issuance of the claims, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer. The terminal disclaimer places claims 1-28, 33-38, 41-53, and 56-61 in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Claims 29-32, 39, 40, 54, 55

The Office asserts that claims 29-32, 39, 40, 54, 55 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, claims 29-32, 39, 40, 54, and 55 depend directly or indirectly on allowable claims 1, 22, and 41. Since claims 1, 22, and 41 are now allowable for the reasons stated above, dependent claims 29-32, 39, 40, 54, 55 should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

New Claims 69-108 and 109-129

Applicants have added new claims 69-108 to provide alternative statutory coverage for language similar to the allowable subject matter of claims 1-40. Additionally, claims 109-129 have been added to provide alternative coverage for language similar to the allowable subject matter of claims 41-61. For at least this reason, new claims 69-108 and 109-129 should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicant timely filed an IDS on March 29, 2000, August 16, 2000, November 8, 2000, November 15, 2000, January 19, 2001, March 23, 2001, July 24, 2001, and December 10, 2001, (**Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H**). Because all these IDSs were filed before the first Office Action, no fees were required. The Office Action dated August 26, 2004, did not contain an initialed Form 1449 for these IDSs. However, Applicants have postcards establishing that the Form 1449s and the references were received by the PTO. Copies of the postcards are provided (**Exhibits I, J, K, L, M, N, O, and P**). Thus, the Information Disclosure Statements were timely filed (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)), and the proper material was submitted (37 CFR 1.98). Accordingly, the references must be considered. Please consider these references before issuing your next action.

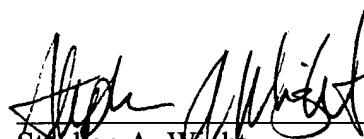
Conclusion

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

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